

Field to Fork – Louisville Area

Harvest & prepare your own Venison - delicious, local, natural & healthful meat!



Course Schedule:

Classroom Session Friday, Sept. 30 -- 6:30-9:30pm

(Convene at Meade County UK Extension Office, Brandenburg – 6:15pm)

- Introduction: Why this course? - *Brian Clark, Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources (KDFWR)*
- Deer in Kentucky: History, Biology & Ecology - *Jason Nally, KDFWR*
- Hunting Licenses & Regulations – *Conservation Officers, KDFWR*
- BREAK: Sampling of deer jerky & venison appetizers
- Habitat Use & Hunting Strategies - *Pete Blandford, Quality Deer Management Association*
- Finding a place to hunt: Private and Public Lands Opportunities - *Brian Clark, KDFWR*

Field Workshop Saturday, Oct. 1 -- 8am-3pm

(Convene at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area shooting range pavilion – 7:45am)

- Blood Trailing & Recovery of Deer - *Jason Nally & Brian Clark, KDFWR*
- Traditional Field Dressing and Field Quartering: Two Techniques for Field Harvest of Venison
Jason Nally & Brian Clark, KDFWR
- Butchering Demo & Meat Safety/Preservation - *Dr. Gregg Rentfrow, UK Extension Meat Specialist*
- LUNCH (Provided) - *Venison meal prepared by Local Chef*
- Instruction on Cooking Venison - *Discussion led by Local Chef*
- Shooting & Shot Placement - *KDFWR Staff & Partners*
 - Firearms - Basics of Centerfire Rifles & Ammunition for Deer Hunting
 - Crossbows & Archery
- Hunter Education Range Portion (“Classroom” Portion must be completed online in advance)

Mentored Hunts

Saturday evening (time permitting), Sunday morning & Sunday evening

For participants who do not have a family member or friend who is an experienced deer hunter, there will be opportunities to deer hunt at the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area with an experienced mentor. These mentors will be Kentucky Fish & Wildlife staff and volunteers from partnering conservation/sportsmen’s organizations in central Kentucky, paired with participants. Hunters will be assigned hunting timeslots based on availability of mentors and interest of participants.